

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF
THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CALABASAS, CALIFORNIA
HELD WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2021**

Mayor Bozajian called the Closed Session to order at 6:00 p.m. via Zoom Teleconferencing.

1. Conference with Real Property Negotiator
(Gov't Code §54956.8)
Property Address: 27040 Malibu Hills Rd, Calabasas, CA 91301
Agency Negotiator: Don Penman, Interim City Manager
Negotiating Party: City of Agoura Hills
Under Negotiation: Price and Terms of Payment

2. Conference with Legal Counsel, Existing Litigation
(Gov. Code Section 54956.9(d)(1))
Case Name: Westin v. City of Calabasas, United States District Court, Central District of California, Case No. CV21-782-GW(JPRx)

3. Conference with Legal Counsel; Existing Litigation
(Gov. Code Section 54956.9(d)(1))
Case Name Unspecified. Disclosure of the case name would jeopardize the settlement negotiations

Present: Mayor Bozajian, Mayor pro Tem Maurer, Councilmembers Kraut, Shapiro and Weintraub

Councilmember Shapiro did not participate on Closed Session Item No. 3.

Mayor Bozajian called the Open Session to order at 7:07 p.m. via Zoom Teleconferencing.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Bozajian, Mayor pro Tem Maurer, Councilmembers Kraut, Shapiro and Weintraub

Absent: None

Staff: Ahlers, Biety, Bingham, Gorgin, Hall, Hernandez, Jordan, Klein, Lockwood, McConville, Penman, Russo, Summers, Tamuri and Yalda

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Don Penman.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Councilmember Weintraub moved, seconded by Councilmember Shapiro to approve the agenda. MOTION CARRIED 5/0 by Roll Call Vote as follows:

AYES: Mayor Bozajian, Mayor pro Tem Maurer, Councilmembers Kraut, Shapiro and Weintraub

Mr. Summers reported that the City Council met in Closed Session prior to this meeting and there were no reportable actions regarding Item Nos. 1 and 3. In regard to Item No. 2, the City Council provided staff with direction to defend the matter.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/INTRODUCTIONS

Members of the Council made the following announcements:

Councilmember Shapiro:

- Encouraged everyone to continue to wear masks and maintain social distance, as there are now 1,131 cases of Covid-19 in Calabasas.
- LA County has approved the reopening of recreational sports. More information available on the City's website.
- As of March 1, LA County teachers and other essential workers will be eligible for the Covid-19 vaccine.

Councilmember Weintraub

- Pierce Community College is now a vaccination site.
- Encouraged everyone to participate in the Shoes for Souls donation drive hosted by the Senior Center.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – PUBLIC COMMENT

John Suwara, Carol Davis and Jackie Hoffman spoke during public comment.

PRESENTATIONS

➤ Employee Service Awards

Mayor Bozajian presented service awards to Rachel Biety and Michael McConville for ten years; to Michael Klein for fifteen years; and to Karlo Gorgin for twenty years.

Councilmembers thanked staff for their years of service and dedication to the City.

Mayor Bozajian mentioned staff members unable to participate: Ben Chan, Heather Melton, Johnny Rae Agee, Debbie Larson, Alex Savala, Raine Kishimoto and Jeff Rubin.

➤ To Mark Levinson, outgoing Calabasas Chamber of Commerce Chair

Mayor Bozajian recognized Mark Levinson for his outstanding leadership, guidance and strong activism during his tenure as Chair of the Calabasas Chamber of Commerce.

Councilmembers expressed gratitude and appreciation to Mark Levinson.

CONSENT ITEMS

1. Approval of minutes of February 10, 2021

Councilmember Kraut moved, seconded by Mayor pro Tem Maurer to approve Item No. 1. MOTION CARRIED 5/0 by Roll Call Vote as follows:

AYES: Mayor Bozajian, Mayor pro Tem Maurer, Councilmembers Kraut, Shapiro and Weintraub

PUBLIC HEARING

2. Review and approval of projects for the 47th Program Year (2021-2022) – Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Funding; and Adoption of Resolution No. 2021-1715 approving the CDBG 47th Program Year (2021-2022)

Mayor Bozajian opened the public hearing.

Mr. Bingham and Mr. Neal presented the report.

Mayor Bozajian closed the public hearing.

Mayor pro Tem Maurer moved, seconded by Councilmember Kraut to approve Item No. 2 with an amendment to use the entirety of the funds for the Residential Rehabilitation Program. If the waiting list is exhausted and there are monies left over, any remaining funds be used for senior activities. MOTION CARRIED 5/0 by Roll Call Vote as follows:

AYES: Mayor Bozajian, Mayor pro Tem Maurer, Councilmembers Kraut, Shapiro and Weintraub

NEW BUSINESS

- 3. Sheriff’s Crime Report – January 2021

Deputy Mason De Matteo presented the report.

No action taken on this item.

- 4. Discussion of Southern California Edison (SCE) rate increase

Mr. Bingham presented the report. Mr. Bardacke, Mr. Lager, Mr. Gonzalez and Mr. Thomas addressed questions from the City Council.

No action taken on this item.

The meeting recessed at 8:59 p.m.

Mayor pro Tem Maurer left the meeting during recess.

The meeting reconvened at 9:09 p.m.

- 5. Mid-year budget review update FY 2020-2021

Mr. Ahlers presented the report.

Councilmember Kraut moved, seconded by Councilmember Shapiro to approve Consent Items Item No. 5. MOTION CARRIED 4/0 by Roll Call Vote as follows:

AYES: Mayor Bozajian, Councilmembers Kraut, Shapiro and Weintraub

ABSENT: Mayor pro Tem Maurer

INFORMATIONAL REPORTS

- 6. Check Register for the period of February 2-12,

No action taken on this item.

TASK FORCE REPORTS

Councilmember Weintraub reported her participation in a COG meeting where Mayor Bozajian was a guest speaker. Mayor Bozajian proposed legislation that the City Selection Committee meetings continue to be held virtually after Covid-19 to allow all the cities to participate. In addition, he proposed that when the Committee meets and a quorum is not present, that at the next meeting, provided is the same

agenda, the quorum declines to one third. He further reported that Assemblymember Gabriel has agreed to carry this legislation as AB 1253.

Councilmember Shapiro reported that he would be participating in the Valley Economic Alliance Board meeting on February 25. He also reported his attendance to a SCAG Legislative Committee meeting where Assemblymember Curry brought forward two bills regarding local control. Lastly, he reported his attendance to a SCAG CHD meeting where RHINA numbers and methodology amendments were discussed.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

None.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Councilmember Weintraub requested a discussion regarding the public safety emergency preparedness plan to address technology issues in the City.

Mayor Bozajian requested a general description of what the PUC does and its membership on the agenda for the City Council meeting on March 24. Additionally, he requested an item to discuss Council taking a position on the SB9.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 10:03 p.m. to a regular meeting scheduled on Wednesday, March 10, 2021, at 7:00 p.m.

Maricela Hernandez, City Clerk
Master Municipal Clerk
California Professional Municipal Clerk